

The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 18, 19, and 27 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein.

Please amend Claims 20 and 28 to read as follows (a marked-up version of the amended claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached).

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20. (Amended) A printing head according to Claim 17, wherein the execution means includes heat recording elements for discharging ink.

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28. (Amended) A printing apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein the recording is executed by discharging ink by the heat of said heat generating element.

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated March 5, 2002. Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 9-17, 20-26, and 28-30 are pending in this application. Claims 18, 19, and 27 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein. Claims 20 and 28 have been amended to correct their dependency since Claims 19 and 27, from which Claims 20 and 28 previously depended, have now been canceled. Applicants submit that the changes to Claims 20 and 28 do not, in any way, narrow the scope of these claims. Claims 1 and 21 are in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

In response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2001, Applicants